



EMPLOYEE BULLETIN

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HAZARDS OF THE ENERGY-ABSORBING BUMPER SYSTEM

1. Federal motor vehicle standards require all 1974 *eliminated since we don't have applicability 1975 model* and 1975 model automobiles to be equipped with energy-absorbing bumpers. Unless safety precautions are taken, these bumpers may be hazardous after an accident.
2. There have been several instances of serious injury to persons attempting to separate collided vehicles equipped with energy-absorbing bumpers. Some of these bumpers are spring-loaded and, if compressed by a collision, may release with extreme force at any time after impact or upon separation if locked with ~~the~~ bumper^s of ~~another~~ other vehicle^s.
3. Another hazard exists when vehicles with these bumpers are involved in accidents and catch fire. The oil in the bumper shock absorber system may explode when heated.
4. Because of the danger of serious injury, it is good safety practice to avoid trying to separate collided vehicles locked together by their energy-absorbing bumpers. Instead, seek qualified assistance. It also is good safety practice to use the services of an experienced automobile mechanic when repairs to an energy-absorbing bumper are needed.

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Attached is a suggested draft of the Employee Bulletin on bumpers. Please let us have your thoughts.

You might consider putting this out for placement on Agency bulletin boards. We have doubts that the DDA would want this disseminated in the usual manner.

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P.S. We included 1975 automobiles, but are not certain this is correct.

after checking with DD/PTOS, ACS was advised to put in bulletin boards rather than publishing in Employee Bulletin.